

App. No. 10/727832
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 64 has been amended to depend from claim 63. No new matter has been added. Claims 58-91 are pending.

Claim rejections - Obviousness-Type

Claims 58-91 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8, 11-13 and 17-36 of US Patent No. 6,710,879. Applicants do not agree with the rejection but submit a Terminal Disclaimer to advance the examination of the application. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 58-69, 71-74 and 81-85 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8, 11-13, 17-24 and 36 of US Patent No. 6,731,100. Applicants do not agree with the rejection but submit a Terminal Disclaimer to advance the examination of the application. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

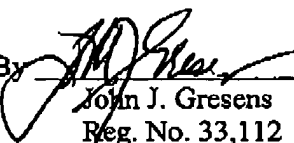
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371.5265.

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